

OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPORT AGGREGATE



The potential is here.

Are transportation costs and stone quality concerns making life difficult for you as an aggregate supplier, concrete producer or road builder?

Are you concerned about the security of your aggregate supplies for the future? Nova Scotia has a lot to offer:

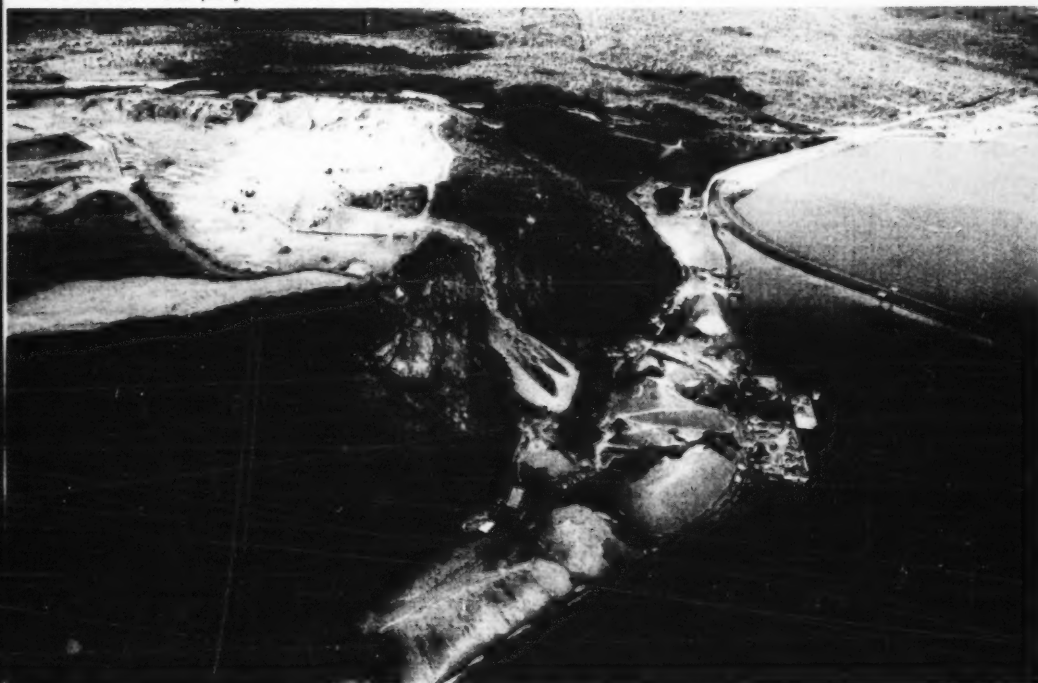
A Proven Track Record

- For more than two decades Nova Scotia has been an industry leader in the marine transport of high quality stone products using bulk carriers and barges.
- Martin Marietta Materials Canada on the Strait of Canso is one of the largest tidewater stone quarries in North America, capable of loading 70 000 tonne Post-Panamax vessels.
- Currently more than 3 million tonnes of aggregate are being exported annually to destinations such as Savannah, Houston, Bermuda and the Ascension Islands.

The Maritime Advantage

- Nova Scotia's location on the Atlantic coast is 80 kilometres from the Northeastern United States with the capability of competitive shipping to the Gulf Coast and the Caribbean.
- 7400 kilometres of rugged coastline include sheltered harbours and water depths amenable to docking and loading large vessels.
- A moderate, coastal climate permits year-round shipping.
- Diverse geological resources along the coast are capable of producing high quality construction aggregate.

The Martin Marietta quarry on the Strait of Canso



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Map of Nova Scotia showing the sites discussed in text

Opportunities

- Nova Scotia has undeveloped sites, near suitable tidewater, that are capable of producing high quality granite, limestone and traprock aggregate.
- Potential sites include the south shore of Chedabucto Bay, New Campbellton on the Bras d'Or Lakes and the North Mountain area along the Bay of Fundy.
- Some sites have the potential for stone reserves of several hundred million tonnes.
- An established and knowledgeable stone industry may offer opportunities for partnerships in new stone export ventures.
- There may be the opportunity for the co-production of limestone aggregate and cement grade carbonate at Glencoe and Glendale on Cape Breton Island.

A Welcoming Business Climate and Supportive Government

Nova Scotia and the Strait of Canso area have an excellent record in permitting new quarries and heavy industrial projects. New gypsum, coal, silica and crushed stone quarries have been permitted in Nova Scotia within the last five years. The Sable Offshore Energy Project, including offshore gas wells, sub-sea pipelines, a gas plant and the Maritimes & Northeast gas pipeline to Boston area markets have been approved.

In December, 2005, Anadarko received federal and provincial environmental permits to proceed with the construction of an LNG regasification plant at Bear Head, part of the Strait of Canso Super Port.

The Province of Nova Scotia is open for business and you are invited to contact us for further information.

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